refineries, storage locations of oil companies and retail outlets. Moreover, the test methods specified in BIS specifications are based on international test methods.

(c) Docs not arise.

Tax levels on production of petroleum products

†3744. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that tax is imposed by Government at different levels of production of crude in the country and distribution of its different products to the consumers;

(b) if so, the levels and the rates at which the said taxation exists in the country at present; and

(c) the extent to which the amount generated from total taxation is more or less than the cost of production of crude oil?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) The current rates of royalty and cess levied on the indigenous crude oil produced by ONGC and OIL are as follows:

Rate of royalty	Rs. 850/MT
Rate of cess	Rs. 1800/MT

In additional State Governments levy sales tax 4% on curde oil. The rates of custom duty and excise duty on major petroleum products arc given in the Statement *(See* below). In addition, the State Governments levy sales tax and other taxes on petroleum products.

(c) The average cost of production of crude oil depends on various technical factors, both dynamic and static, the accounting policies followed by any individual company and on the fiscal regime applicable.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement

Rates of Custom/Excise duty on petroleum products

CUSTOM DUTY	(Percentage)	
Product		
HSD/LDO	20	
MS	20	
ATF	20	
LPG	10	
FO/LSHS-General Use	20	
NAPTHA/NGL-General Use	10	
KEROSENE (PDS)	10	
BITUMEN	20	
OTHERS	20	

EXCISE DUTY		
Product		
MS	32	*
LPG	16	
FO, NAPTHA and LSHS-General Use	16	
KEROSENE (PDS)	16	
HSD	16	**
LDO	16	
ATF	16	
BITUMEN	16	
OTHERS	16	

*Special Additional excise duty @ Rs. 6/Ltr. plus additional Duty @ Rs. 1/Ltr.
"Additional Duty @ Rs. 1/Ltr.